

Division of Wildlife Resources Recommendations for Changes in Draw Processes:

Limited Entry and Once in a Lifetime

Recommended Changes

As of: 10/30/08

1. Eliminate group applications/hunts for Limited Entry Elk, Deer, and Pronghorn.

OR, if item 1. not approved then DWR would recommend item 1a. or 1b. as follows;

1a. Group applications would enter the drawing with only the bonus point total of the lowest group member. Bonus points would not be averaged across applicants. If successful and a permit is surrendered, the person surrendering the permit would still accumulate a bonus point as currently allowed.

1b. We would still average the bonus points. If you are successful drawing as a member of a group and then surrender your permit, you would not add a new bonus point for that year but would keep your points accumulated up to that draw. The only exception to this would be that if you surrender due to being activated in the military or if you have an injury that precludes you from hunting then you could accrue a bonus point upon surrendering a permit.

2. A person would lose all bonus points for all species if they skip three consecutive years applying in a big game drawing for at least one bonus point species. If you apply for at least one Limited Entry or Once-in-a-Lifetime species in the big game draw you would keep your points for all species (L/E and OIL).

3. An applicant could purchase points for all species each year but could only apply for one Limited Entry and one Once-in-a-Lifetime permit.

Other possibilities for RAC Consideration:

1. Cap the Bonus points at a specific number.
2. Changing the percent of permits from 50% for those with maximum points.
3. Allocate 5% of permits to those applicants with 1-5 bonus points.
4. Make applicants apply for 3 years before they are actually in the drawing.
5. Give a youth a bonus point upon completion of Hunter Education.

General Season Hunts

Recommended Changes

1. 1) Group applications would enter the drawing with only the preference point total of the lowest group member. Preference points would not be averaged across applicants. If successful and a permit is surrendered, the person surrendering the permit would still accumulate a preference point as currently allowed. **OR**;

2) We would still average the preference points. If you surrender a permit you would not add a new preference point for that year but would keep your preference points accumulated up to that draw. The only exception to this would be that if you surrender due to being activated in the military or if you have an injury that precludes you from hunting then you could accrue a preference point upon surrendering a permit.

2. If you apply in the general season deer draw and are not successful at your first choice then you would accumulate a preference point even if you are successful in obtaining your 2nd-5th choices.

3. Increase youth buck permits in draw from 15% to 20%.

Items discussed by the Division but not recommended:

1. Give youth a preference point for completing hunter education.